
By: **Delegate Campbell**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Land Value Taxation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing separate subclasses in real property for land and
4 improvements to land; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore
5 City or the governing body of a county to set a special property tax rate for the
6 subclass of land; and generally relating to enabling authority for counties to set
7 a special property tax rate for land.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Tax - Property
10 Section 6-302 and 8-101(b)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Tax - Property**

16 6-302.

17 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and after complying with §
18 6-305 of this subtitle, in each year after the date of finality and before the following
19 July 1, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of each
20 county annually shall set the tax rate for the next taxable year on all assessments of
21 property subject to that county's property tax.

22 (b) (1) Except as provided in [subsection (c)] SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) of
23 this section, §§ 6-305 and 6-306 of this subtitle and § 6-203 of this title:

24 (i) there shall be a single county property tax rate for all real
25 property subject to county property tax except for operating real property described in
26 § 8-109(c) of this article; and

1 (ii) the county tax rate applicable to personal property and the
2 operating real property described in § 8-109(c) of this article for taxable years
3 beginning after June 30, 2001 shall be 2.5 times the rate for real property.

4 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not affect a special rate
5 prevailing in a taxing district or part of a county.

6 (c) (1) Intangible personal property is subject to county property tax as
7 otherwise provided in this title at a rate set annually, if:

8 (i) the intangible personal property has paid interest or dividends
9 during the 12 months that precede the date of finality;

10 (ii) interest or dividends were withheld on the intangible personal
11 property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality to avoid the tax under
12 this subsection;

13 (iii) the intangible personal property consists of newly issued bonds,
14 certificates of indebtedness, or evidences of debt on which interest is not in default; or

15 (iv) a stock dividend has been declared on the intangible personal
16 property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality.

17 (2) The county tax rate for the intangible personal property is 30 cents
18 for each \$100 of assessment.

19 (D) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING
20 BODY OF A COUNTY MAY SET A SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE SUBCLASS OF
21 LAND.

22 8-101.

23 (b) Real property is a class of property and is divided into the following
24 subclasses:

25 (1) land that is actively devoted to farm or agricultural use, assessed
26 under § 8-209 of this title;

27 (2) marshland, assessed under § 8-210 of this title;

28 (3) woodland, assessed under § 8-211 of this title;

29 (4) land of a country club, assessed under §§ 8-212 through 8-217 of this
30 title;

31 (5) land that is used for a planned development, assessed under §§ 8-220
32 through 8-225 of this title;

33 (6) rezoned real property that is used for residential purposes, assessed
34 under §§ 8-226 through 8-228 of this title;

1 (7) operating real property of a railroad;

2 (8) operating real property of a public utility; [and]

3 (9) all other [real property] LAND that is directed by this article to be
4 assessed; AND

5 (10) ALL OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO LAND THAT ARE DIRECTED BY THIS
6 ARTICLE TO BE ASSESSED.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2001.